THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Delhi High Court *vide* its Order dated 07.02.2006 in WP(C) No. 2866/2002 has directed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to issue directions to all such private hospitals and nursing homes who have been allotted land at concessional rates that Notice Board in Hindi and English be put up at prominent places indicating that they are providing free treatment to the poor and weaker sections of the society. The Court has also directed such hospitals to give publicity in this regard in prominent Hindi Newspapers. The Court has further directed that such private hospitals should provide treatment to the poor without insisting on a B.P.L. (Below Poverty Line) Card and only a signed declaration that his or her income is less than Rs. 2000/- per month should be taken, which of course will be subject to verification. However, the patient will not be denied treatment pending verification of the monthly income.

(c) and (d) Health being a State subject, it is for the respective State Government to consider issuing of such directives to the private hospitals under their jurisdiction.

Homoeopathic Dispensaries in Delhi

2509. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Homoeopathic hospitals and dispensaries functioning under CGHS in Delhi;

(b) the number of posts of doctors in various grades, grade-wise, sanctioned as on 1st April, 2005 and those actually employed, grade-wise at present;

(c) the reasons for shortage of Homoeopathic doctors, if any; and

(d) by when all the vacancies are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) 13 Homoeopathic dispensaries/units (3 dispensaries and 10 units) are functioning under CGHS, Delhi. There is no Homoeopathic hospital under CGHS, Delhi.

(b) The number of sanctioned posts of Homoeopathic doctors under CGHS, Delhi are as under:—

No. of posts sanctioned	In position	Vacancy status
29	27	2

The post of doctors from CMO (NFSG) to Medical Officer are interchangeable having the same charter of duties.

(c) and (d) The reason for shortage of Homoeopathic doctors under CGHS, Delhi is that some posts are lying vacant due to resignation/ retirement/death. Action to fill up the vacant posts has already been taken.

CAG Report on standards of ayurvedic medicines

2510. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient points made by the CAG in its latest report on Ayurveda and Indian Systems of Medicine;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 707 units, out of 7849 have qualified by getting a certificate from Drug Control Administration, under Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 1945;

(c) whether it is also a fact that standards are not set even today in case of ayurveda and other medicines; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that experts and laboratories entrusted to set standards have done nothing in last three years and the grants earmarked for the purpose have lapsed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The salient features of CAG report on development of Ayurveda and ISM drugs are as under:

(1) Ministry may ensure expenditious publication of Pharmacopoeial Standards of compound formulations in the respective pharmacopoeia.